Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission October 18, 2004

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Hower

Commissioner Bessa Commissioner Griffith Commissioner Pritchard Commissioner Wolf Commissioner Peterson

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2004 as submitted.

Motion: Pritchard Second: Griffith Carried: 6-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Richard Stallard a resident of Potomac Station stated his concerns to the Tree Commission regarding the KSI's proposal for an interchange on Rt. 7 and the rezoning project for the Village at Leesburg.

Mr. Banks stated the plan was a sketch proposed for an interchange and also stated that the plan has not been approved yet.

The Tree Commission had a brief discussion regarding the KSI interchange.

Ms. Julie Overman stated that Sarah Black has ordered 18 trees for her Elm Tree Planting project and plans to plant them starting November 1st.

Mr. Gary Pritchard attended the Tree Commission meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Banks stated that the RFP for the Urban Forestry Master Plan has been released.

Commissioner Hower talked about what Sub-committees the Tree Commission may need to form.

The Tree Commission talked about who would be on each Sub-committee.

The Tree Commission discussed the National Christmas Tree Celebration.

Commissioner Hower stated that the Tree Commission report for the Wilson/Pershing Capitol Improvement Project was given at the September 27, 2004 Town Council Worksession and that he spoke at the September 28, 2004 Town Council Meeting regarding the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Banks talked about the Pest Alert brochure that was included in the packet regarding Emerald Ash Borers.

The Tree Commission had a brief discussion regarding the Emerald Ash Borers.

Mr. Banks stated that there would be a joint meeting on October 20th with the Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission and Environmental Advisory Commission regarding the Town Plan.

COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks stated that the Leesburg Flower and Garden show will be April 16 & 17, 2005 and the first Arbor Day Committee meeting will be on October 20, 2004 at noon. Mr. Banks also stated that he will be attending the Society of Municipal Arborist National Conference in Denver.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Peterson stated that the Tree Commission should think about how they are going to spend the rest of their budget.

Commissioner Griffith stated she would help with the Plant a Tree for me brochure.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Motion: Peterson Second: Pritchard Carried: 6-0-1

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester